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PHOENIX MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ARMED BANK ROBBERY

PHOENIX -- Pejmun Elahi, 21, of Phoenix, pleaded guilty here in federal district court on May 23, 2005 to Armed Bank Robbery. Elahi had been charged with violating Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 2113(a) and (d), Armed Bank Robbery and Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 924(c), Use of Carrying a Firearm In Commission of a Crime of Violence.

On February 2, 2005, Elahi entered the Bank of America located at 7579 North 16th Street in Phoenix wearing a mask and holding a handgun. Elahi approached two tellers and demanded money. He was given approximately \$11,348 and then fled the bank. He was apprehended a short time later.

A conviction for Armed Bank Robbery carries a maximum penalty of 25 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. Sentencing is set before Judge Roger G. Strand on August 30, 2005 at 2:30p.m.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Phoenix Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Kimberly M. Hare, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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